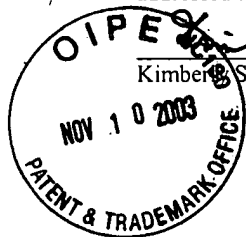


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Sir:

In response to the Restriction of October 7, 2003, Applicants elect without traverse the claims of Group I (claims 1-14), the species (a) (corresponding to Figure 1), and subspecies (b₁) (corresponding to Figure 3B). Of claims 1-14 in elected Group I, claims 1-12 read on the elected species and subspecies. Moreover, at least claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 6, and 8 are generic to all three of species (a), (b), and (c), and each of the subspecies defined under species (a) and (b). Claims 2, 3, and 9-12 are similarly generic to more than the elected species and subspecies.

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